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MY POINT OF VIEW



Good Afternoon All,

A very warm welcome to Dave Smith and his very successful Southend United team, currently lording it at the top, and, to be truthful, looking to be home and dry. It will be a light-

ning return for Dave, who ran into lots of injuries last season when the club lost its Third Division status, but it may be that going back in style will be the making of the club, that, at the very least, should be able to hold its own in the Second Division. The potential at Roots Hall is as good as that of any other club in the lower regions. I have close connections with the Southend United set-up, as I spent two happy years with the club, and Dave Smith was a team-mate of mine during my spell with Brighton.

Sad Affair

Our fruitless journey to London for the Wimbledon game was not, I feel, in the best interest of the game. We asked for an 8.30 a.m. inspection to save our side, and more importantly, our

supporters the problem of travelling while there was still a doubt. If they had brought the referee in at 8.30 a.m. and he was in doubt, then, of course, we would have had to travel, but I am convinced that, with a little more foresight by the London side, our fans could have been saved the expense involved.

Holiday Games

I trust that by the time you read these notes, we have come through the two holiday games with points in the bag, and we can forge ahead and quickly pick up those extra few points that will put us on the promotion fringe.

Enjoy today's game,

Ian McNeill

Front page photo — Battling his way into the New Year, Wigan Athletic skipper Colin Methven. (Photograph by courtesy of Wigan Observer).

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GREAT NAMES FROM THE PAST

BY HAROLD ASHURST

DRAW UP a list of managers who have achieved the best results since the formation of the club and there is little doubt that near the top of the list would be Ted Goodier. He was brought to Wigan Athletic by the then Chairman, Sid Littler, at the start of the 1952-53 season, and, in the seasons that followed, Latics trophy room was almost permanently filled.

When he came to the club he kept just two players, left full back Harry Parkinson and inside forward Jackie Lyon, but he proceeded to build up a tremendous line up that was to rule the world of non-league soccer.

Tommy Hindle, Billy Lomax, Bert Lomas, Kenny Banks and Dave Mycock, were just some of the acquisitions that were to blend together under the guidance of Ted Goodier to become such a great side. A big man, standing more than six feet tall, Ted Goodier was the strictest of disciplinarians. The players knew exactly where they stood and not one of them ever put a foot out of line for they had the highest respect for their boss.

In the famous 1953-54 season, Latics won practically everything there was to win. The Lancashire Combination Championship, the Lancashire Junior Cup, and the Makerfield Cup came Latics way. Strangely, in fact, they had gone one better the previous year, when they scooped all that little lot plus the Lancashire Combination Cup, but I suppose the cup run culminating with Newcastle United made the 1953-54 season even more memorable. Ted Goodier was to stay with Latics until 1956, when a personal row with Sid Littler, the man who had brought him to Springfield Park, led to him being sacked. He was not out of a job for long, though, taking over at Oldham Athletic soon after his surprise dismissal by Wigan Athletic.

One thing that is not remembered about the man is that he was no mean player. A big tough wing half, Ted Goodier was once in a discussion about footballers when he was asked who in his mind was the best. "Stanley Matthews", he replied. "I played against him, but he only got past me once — the next time he came along, he went over the railings!"

This colourful character continued to live in Westhoughton until his death about seven or eight years ago. Ted Goodier was the father-figure behind the team development which was to make Wigan Athletic's post-Second World War reputation as an elite non-league club.

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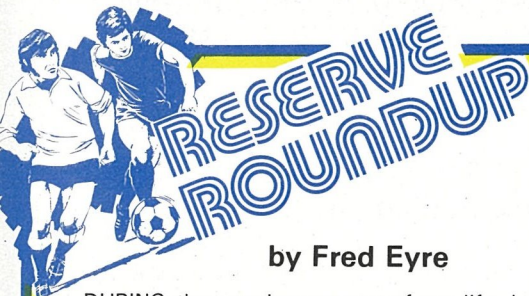
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by Fred Eyre

DURING the non-league part of my life, I played behind many good wingers but, without hesitation, the best winger I played behind was David Crompton, in our days together with Rossendale United, at the time when they took all before them.

Rossendale United won the Cheshire League and finished runners-up in successive seasons and "Crompy" was a key figure in this team. He had devastating pace and was a superb crosser of the ball. Whenever I needed a rest (which was often), I used to play it to "Crompy" and he would set off at amazing speed, never to stop until he ran into the hot-dog seller behind the goal!!

We also played in every cup game that season when Rossendale United were that season's giant-killers, but both of us were

destined to miss "The Big Day" when 17,000 people crammed into Gigg Lane, Bury, (the game was switched to accommodate the crowd), to see us gamely go out of the FA Cup to Bolton Wanderers. A couple of weeks before this game I was injured and settled down on the bench to watch us play Fleetwood. Crompy began to give the full back a chasing and was soon on the receiving end of some harsh tackles, one of which, whilst he was in full flight, was extra dubious and the loud crack signalled a broken leg and also signalled virtually the end of David's playing career. I had intended watching him that night but had no idea I would be watching him until well after midnight in Bury General Hospital!!

So we both missed playing in the big match, sitting instead, side by side on the bench feeling sorry for ourselves. David's job as a teacher, plus his football prowess, made him a natural to manager the successful Wigan Schoolboy's team, and, when "Latics" formed a Youth Team, he was obviously the man for the job. "Crompy", a keen cyclist and golfer, is married to Jenny, with a son Jonathon. The family live at nearby Aspull.

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AS WE enter 1981, I pass something of a personal milestone, in that I have now completed exactly one half of my contracted term with the Wigan Athletic Football Club as its Commercial Manager. With just eighteen months to go now to the 30th June, 1982, I have recently taken stock of the situation, and I have tried to weigh up just what has been done effectively, what has fallen short of my aspirations, and just what can be realistically achieved in the time left, given the continued backing of the Board of Directors.

Although a great deal of hard work has been put in, progress in some aspects of our operations has been rather too slow for my own, and, I am sure, the Directors' liking. The economic recession has not helped, but I do not believe in looking for excuses, and I am certainly most anxious, with the best interests of the club in mind, that any future planning should capitalise on the experience that the Commercial Department has gained by day-to-day involvement. In the current tight financial situation, well-intentioned, but less profitable ventures, must now be avoided at all costs, and our general aim must be to ensure that the time spent by my staff and myself produces the maximum possible return for the Football Club on whose behalf we all work.

Lack of space prevents too detailed an appraisal, but, suffice it to say that, if we can improve the quality of our work in the lotteries, advertising, sponsorship and

programme areas, we will be moving very positively in the right direction. Please continue to give us your support, since, without it, the months ahead will be even more difficult to negotiate. With your help we have already come a long way, let us finish the journey together.

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Jack Sudworth, Commercial Manager



Springfield Park, Wigan. 31st December, 1980.

Dear Readers,

Obviously you are all feeling rather exhausted after writing so many Christmas Cards, and, having partaken of the Christmas fare and spirit, you did not feel inclined to put pen to paper about matters concerning the Wigan Athletic Football Club.

It gives me great pleasure, therefore, to wish you well for the New Year, to express my thanks for the interest you have shown in this column to date, and to extend the hope that more strength will be given to your writing arms in the weeks ahead.

All best wishes,

Jack Sudworth, Commercial Manager.

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Wigan Athletic, Season 1933-1934 (Left to Right)

Back Row: George Wood, Richard Farrimond, John Worswick, Father Greenhous, Charles Spencer (Manager), Harold P. Kidd, Jack Farrimond, Peter Dwyer.

Middle Row: Arthur Roberts, Jimmy Wallbanks, Arnold Robson, Jack Snaith, Lewis Caunce, Bob Talbot, Teddy Robinson, Fred Senior (Trainer).

Front Row: Pete Cowper, Jim Anderson, Joseph Howarth, (Chairman), George O'Dell, (Captain), Tom Heywood, (Vice Chairman), George Scott, Teddy Felton.



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Wigan Athletic, Season 1934-1935 (Left to Right)

Back Row: Richard Farrimond, Arthur Roberts, Edwin Lowe, Harold P. Kidd, Father Greenhous, Peter Dwyer, John Wood, (President of the Cheshire County League).

Middle Row: Fred Senior, Norman Watson, Teddy Robinson, Frank Hancock, Frank Eckersley, Bob McLaughlin, Monty Wilson, Norman Robson, Charlie Spencer (Manager).

Front Row: Jim Anderson, Tom Heywood, (Vice Chairman), George Scott, Andy Patterson, Sid Tuffnell, Joseph Howarth, Duncan Colquhoun.

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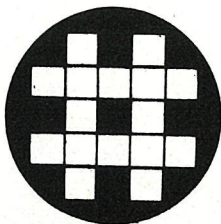


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ON THE BALL No. 17

Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go.

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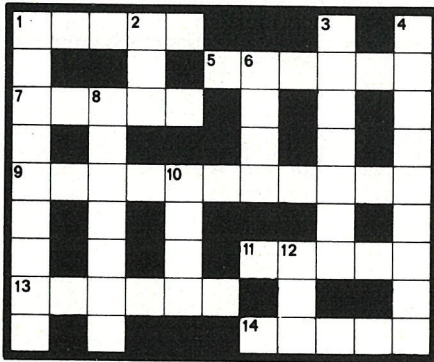
CLUB CLUE No. 17

Solve this cryptic clue to identify a soccer side:

A water-bird — and on the water.

MIXED DOUBLES No. 17

Rearrange the letters in each of the words **AVAILS** and **TRADERS** to find two East European sides.



SOCCER NINETY-NINER

No. 17 (Compiled by David Peck)

ACROSS

1. See 12dn
5. England Under-21 defender who joined Wolves from Hull in 1978 (6)
7. Inside-forward Bobby --- featured in Wolves' championship sides of 1958 and 1959 and later moved to Leyton Orient (5)
9. Club which holds the record for the most (30) and fewest (2) defeats in a full First Division season (5,6)
11. Trapping, passing, heading and shooting are considered as --- skills (5)
13. A quick pass and return-pass movement (3-3)
14. Nickname of the St. Andrews side (5)

DOWN

1. Club which replaced Workington in the League (9)
2. The number of times Bury have won the FA Cup (3)
3. The nickname of the other club in the city where ... (7)
4. ... this manager began the season as the current longest-server — in what soon proved to be his unlucky thirteenth year (4,5)
6. Curtis or Cork (4)
8. Keeper who served Millwall, Chelsea, Manchester United and England (7)
10. Villa's top scorer last season who this season had already passed last season's total before the end of November (4)
12. & 1ac. The famous colours of Real Madrid (3,5)

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Answers on Page 22.





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OUR VISITORS

TODAY, we are privileged to welcome to Springfield Park, the directors, management, staff and supporters of the Southend United Football Club to Springfield Park for the return League fixture to that played at Roots Hall on the 20th October, 1980. To begin the New Year with a visit from what must rank as the most attractive opposition in this year's Fourth Division, is real bonus for local Soccer-lovers.

There can be very few people, other than supporters of Lincoln City, who do not see the "Shrimpers" as this year's prospective champions of the Fourth Division. A very formidable home record, backed by useful away form, has pushed our friends from the South East of England eight points clear of third-place Hartlepool United at the time of going to press. With such a commanding lead at the half-way point in the season, there is ample room for Southend United to weather any possible temporary loss of form which might occur within the next few weeks. Certainly, from what we saw in our visit to Roots Hall earlier in the season, the club is ready to make a quick return to the Third Division in Season 1981-82, and, having put in some useful ground work, the "Shrimpers" should be able to make the transition upwards without too much of a strain being placed on their on-field and off-field resources. The quality of their football is pleasing to the eye, their professionalism is to be admired, and their match-day organisation to be envied.

However, Wigan Athletic supporters will need no reminding that their own side can always be relied upon to raise their game against top quality opposition, as was shown at Roots Hall. We well recall that in our first season in the Football League, some of our best performances, and successes, were against sides which were looked upon as cream of the division. We look forward then, to a highly competitive and most skilful game of Soccer between two sides who believe in entertaining the public.

Should it not be possible for our own side to join our visitors in moving from the Fourth Division into the even more highly competitive Third Division at the end of the season, we hope that it will not be too long before we can join our visitors at the higher level and renew an acquaintanceship, which, however brief to date, has been most pleasing and has given the Wigan Athletic club a desire for better things. To those who have made the long journey from Southend to Wigan today, we wish a good afternoon's entertainment and a safe journey home tonight. All best wishes to our visitors for the long run-in to the end of the season.

PREVIOUS LEAGUE RESULTS Season 1980-1981

20th Oct. 1980	Southend Utd. 1 Wigan Ath. 0 H.T. Score 1-0 Att. 5,643 Scorers: Southend Utd. Hadley Wigan Ath. —
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SOUTHEND UNITED

PEN PICTURE

MERVYN CAWSTON

An experienced goal-keeper in the American League, he joined Southend in August 1978. He has played for England included whom at one stage he was with Southend United, and with Leicester City and Gillingham. Born in 1948, he weighs 12st. 4lbs.

DAVID CUSACK

Signed on 5 September, he joined Sheffield Wednesday as an apprentice. He became a full professional in August 1978. He made 96 appearances for Sheffield Wednesday before joining Southend United. Height 6'1½".

PHIL DUDLEY

A professional forms in the first team, being an apprentice. He made his first team appearance for Southend County in April 1979, and is present in the first team for the 1978/79 campaign. Height 5'7". Weight 12st. 4lbs.

TERRY GRAY

He joined Southend from Huddersfield Town in August 1978, following seven years at Huddersfield Road. A versatile player.

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Football League Record:
1920 Original Member of the Third Division
1921-1966 Member of the Third Division
1966-1972 Member of the Fourth Division
1972-1976 Member of the Third Division
1976-1978 Member of Fourth Division
1978-1980 Member of Third Division
1980-1981 Member of the Fourth Division



in defence and who was once with Chelsea as a schoolboy. He joined Huddersfield in August 1972 and made his first team debut for them against Southend United at Roots Hall in November 1973 as a left back. Born Bradford. Height 5'8" Weight 10st.

TONY HADLEY — Defender — A former amateur with the Club, Tony signed full-time professional with Southend United at the beginning of the 1974/75 season. Has also played midfield and up-front for the Club. Born Rochford, Essex. Height 6' Weight 12st.2lbs.

JEFF HULL — Midfield — A local product of the youth scheme who commenced his football career as an apprentice with Southend United before being upgraded to full-time professional in July 1978. He made his first team debut at home to Peterborough United in April 1979. Born Rochford, Essex. Height 5'6" Weight 9st.11lbs.

JOHN KEELEY — Goalkeeper — Another product of the youth policy who became an apprentice professional in August 1976 and was upgraded to full-time professional in May 1979. Although a capable goalkeeper John is also able to perform as a centre forward. Made his first team debut during season 1979/80.

KEITH MERCER — Forward — Keith was signed from Watford in February 1980 for a substantial fee and quickly struck up an understanding with fellow striker Derek Spence. A prolific goalscorer with Watford, we hope that he will continue to hit the back of the net regularly. Born Lewisham. Height 5'9" Weight 13st.1½ozs.

ALAN MOODY — Defender — Alan joined Southend United from Middlesbrough in October 1972 and is the Club's longest serving player. A former England Schoolboy International he has made over 300 appearances for the "Blues" during his seven years with the Club. Born Middlesbrough. Height 5'11" Weight 11st.10lbs.

GARRY NELSON — Forward — An effective striker who proved successful at schoolboy level, having represented Essex Youth and Schoolboy sides. Joined Southend United as a full-time professional in June 1979 straight from school and established himself in the First team before the end of the season. Born Braintree, Essex.

ANTON OTULAKOWSKI — Midfield — Signed from West Ham United in March 1979. He joined the "Hammers" from Barnsley in October 1976. Anton is an

industrious type of player who is also keen to join the attack. Born Dewsbury, Yorkshire. Height 5'7" Weight 10st.10lbs.

ANDY POLYCARPOU — Forward — A former amateur with the Club who was previously associated with Millwall. Signed as a full-time professional with Southend United at the beginning of the 1976/77 season. Scored on his debut at Doncaster in December 1976. Born Islington. Height 5'7" Weight 10st.2lbs.

RON POUNTNEY — Forward — Signed from the West Midlands Club Bilston in January 1975. He was voted 'Player of the Year' for seasons 1978/79 and 1979/80. He is a tenacious midfield player who is keen to join the attack. Born Bilston. Height 5'6" Weight 9st.13lbs.

DEREK SPENCE — Forward — A Northern Ireland International with over twenty five caps who was signed from Blackpool in December 1979 in an exchange deal involving Colin Morris. Derek rejoined the 'Tangerines' during the summer of 1978 for his second spell at Bloomfield Road from the Greek side Olympiakos. Previously with Oldham and Bury. Born Belfast. Height 6' Weight 11st.

MICKEY STEAD — Defender — Signed from Tottenham Hotspur in September 1978, initially on loan. He joined Spurs as an Apprentice in July 1973 and was upgraded to a full-time professional in November 1974. Made 5 appearances for Swansea City whilst on loan to them early in 1977. Mickey is a tough defender who has also played in midfield on occasions. Born West Ham. Height 5'8" Weight 11st.7lbs.

MICKEY TUOHY — Forward — Former Walsall amateur, Mickey was signed from Souther League, Redditch Town, in June 1979. Strong and skilful, he was a prolific goalscorer in the Southern League and gained representative honours at that level. Born West Bromwich. Height 6'1" Weight 12st.2ozs.

JOHN WALKER — Defender — A local product of the youth scheme who commenced his football career as an apprentice with Southend United before being upgraded to full-time professional in December 1979. He made his Football League debut at Mansfield in August 1978. Born Rochford, Essex. Height 5'10" Weight 11st.5ozs.

STEVE YATES — Defender — A hard-tackling, tough and versatile defender signed from Leicester City in November 1977. Born Burton-on-Trent. Height 6' Weight 12st.3lbs.

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Aug 13	GREWE Alexandra F.L Cup 1 2nd Leg AET	2 - 2	4,063		Brown	Fretwell	Whittle	Gore ¹	Methven	Davids	A. Quinn	Wright	Houghton	Rutherford ¹	Tierney	McMullan
Aug 16	HARTLEPOOL UNITED	0 - 3	5,332		Brown	Fretwell	Whittle	Gore	Methven	Davids	McMullan	Wright	Houghton	Hutchinson	A. Quinn	M. Quinn
Aug 23	Lincoln City	0 - 2	3,939		Brown	Curtis	Fretwell	Gore	Methven	Davids	McMullan	Wright	Houghton	Hutchinson	Whittle	McMullan
Aug 27	Preston N.E. F.L Cup 2 1st Leg.	0 - 1	8,028		Brown	Curtis	Fretwell	Gore	Methven	Davids	McMullan	Wright	Houghton	Hutchinson	Whittle	A. Quinn
Aug 30	ALDERSHOT	1 - 0	4,300		Brown	Fretwell	Whittle	Gore	Methven	Davids	McMullan	Wright ¹	Houghton	Hutchinson	M. Quinn	A. Quinn
Sep 3	PRESTON N.E. F.L. CUP 2 2nd Leg	1 - 2	9,692		Brown	Fretwell	Whittle	Gore	Methven	Davids	McMullan	Wright ¹	Houghton	Hutchinson	M. Quinn	A. Quinn
Sep 6	PORT VALE	1 - 0	4,666		Brown	Fretwell	Whittle	Gore ¹	Methven	Davids	McMullan	Wright	Houghton	Hutchinson	Corrigan	Glenn
Sep 13	Darlington	1 - 3 ¹	2,321		Brown	Fretwell	Kettle	Gore	Methven	Davids	McMullan	Wright	Houghton	Hutchinson	Corrigan	Glenn
Sep 16	Halifax Town	1 - 0	2,052		Brown	Curtis	Kettle	Gore	Methven	Davids	McMullan	Wright	Houghton	Hutchinson	Corrigan	M. Quinn
Sep 20	BURY	2 - 1	6,021		Ward	Curtis	Kettle	Gore ²	Methven	Davids	McMullan	Wright	Houghton	Hutchinson	Corrigan	M. Quinn
Sep 27	Mansfield Town	1 - 3	3,402		Ward	Curtis	Kettle	Gore	Methven	Davids	McMullan	Wright	Houghton	Hutchinson	Corrigan	M. Quinn
Oct 1	HALIFAX TOWN	4 - 1	4,247		Ward	Curtis	Kettle ¹	Gore	Methven	Davids	G. Urquhart ¹	Wright	Houghton	Hutchinson	Corrigan	McMullan
Oct 4	Rochdale	0 - 3	3,479		Ward	Curtis	Kettle	Gore	Methven	Davids	G. Urquhart ¹	Wright	Houghton	Hutchinson	Corrigan	Houghton
Oct 8	DONCASTER ROVERS	3 - 0	3,749		Ward	Curtis	Kettle	G. Urquhart	Methven	Davids	McMullan	Wright	Houghton	Hutchinson	Tierney	Corrigan
Oct 11	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	1 - 1	3,608		Ward	Curtis	Kettle	G. Urquhart	Methven	Davids	McMullan	Wright	Houghton	Hutchinson	Corrigan ¹	Tierney
Oct 18	Torquay United	0 - 2	2,013		Ward	Curtis	Kettle	G. Urquhart	Methven	Davids	McMullan	Wright	Houghton	Hutchinson	Corrigan	Tierney
Oct 20	Southern United	0 - 1	5,643		Ward	Curtis	Kettle	Fretwell	Methven	Davids	McMullan	Wright	Houghton	Hutchinson	Corrigan	Houghton
Oct 25	TRANMERE ROVERS	1 - 1	5,421		Ward	Curtis	Kettle	Fretwell	Methven	Davids	McMullan	Wright	Houghton	Hutchinson	Corrigan	Houghton
Oct 29	YORK CITY	1 - 0	3,668		Ward	Curtis	Kettle	G. Urquhart ¹	Methven	Davids	McMullan	Wright	Houghton	Hutchinson	Corrigan	Houghton
Nov 1	A.F.C. Bournemouth	0 - 3	2,983		Ward	Curtis	Kettle	G. Urquhart ¹	Methven	Davids	Fretwell	Glenn	Wright	Hutchinson	Corrigan	Oliver
Nov 4	Doncaster Rovers	1 - 1	3,625		Ward	Curtis	Fretwell	Fretwell	Methven	Cribley	Glenn	Wright	Houghton	Hutchinson	Corrigan	Corrigan
Nov 8	BRADFORD CITY	0 - 1	5,155		Ward	Curtis	Fretwell	Tierney	Methven	Cribley	Glenn	Wright	Houghton	Hutchinson	Kettle	McMullan
Nov 12	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	3 - 0	3,375		Ward	Fretwell	McAdam	G. Urquhart	Methven	Cribley	Glenn	Wright	W. Urquhart ¹	M. Quinn ²	Hutchinson	McKulligan
Nov 15	Hartlepool United	1 - 3	5,020		Brown	Fretwell	McAdam	G. Urquhart	Methven	Cribley	Glenn	Wright	W. Urquhart ¹	M. Quinn ²	Corrigan	A. Quinn
Nov 22	CHESTERFIELD F.A. CUP 1	2 - 2	8,682		Brown	Fretwell	McAdam	Hutchinson	Methven	Cribley	Glenn	Wright	W. Urquhart ¹	M. Quinn	Corrigan	McMullan
Nov 25	Chesterfield F.A. Cup 1 Replay	0 - 2	8,372		Brown	Fretwell	McAdam	Hutchinson	Methven	Cribley	Glenn	Wright	W. Urquhart ¹	G. Urquhart	Corrigan	McMullan
Nov 29	Hereford United	1 - 1	2,328		Brown	Curtis	Fretwell	Hutchinson	Methven	Cribley	Glenn	Wright	W. Urquhart ¹	M. Quinn	Corrigan	Glenn
Dec 6	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	1 - 1	3,790		Brown ¹	Fretwell	McAdam	G. Urquhart	Methven	Cribley	McMullan ¹	W. Urquhart ¹	Houghton	Hutchinson	Corrigan	W. Urquhart
Dec 13	GREWE ALEXANDRA	2 - 1	2,829		Ward	Fretwell	McAdam	G. Urquhart	Methven	Cribley	McMullan	W. Urquhart	Houghton	Hutchinson	Corrigan	A. Quinn ¹
Dec 20	Wimbleton															
Dec 26	GREWE ALEXANDRA															
Dec 27	Stockport County															
Jan 3	SOUTHEND UNITED															
Jan 10	York City															
Jan 17	HEREFORD UNITED															
Jan 24	Aldershot															
Jan 31	LINCOLN CITY															
Feb 3	Northampton Town															
Feb 7	DARLINGTON															
Feb 14	Port Vale															
Feb 21	MANSHFIELD TOWN															
Feb 28	Bury															
Mar 7	ROCHDALE															
Mar 13	Peterborough United															
Mar 21	TORQUAY UNITED															
Mar 27	Tranmere Rovers															
Apr 4	A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH															
Apr 11	Bradford City															
Apr 18	STOCKPORT COUNTY															
Apr 25	WIMBLETON															
May 2	Scunthorpe United															

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PLAYER

Tony Quinn
(Striker)

Birthplace: Liverpool

Place of Residence: Norris Green,
Liverpool.

Date of Birth: 24th July, 1959.

Height: 5'8½"

Weight: 11st. 7lbs.

Previous Professional Clubs:

Liverpool and Everton

Advice to Youngsters:

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hearted if events do not come
up to your expectations.**

Tony made his debut as substitute for Wigan Athletic against Lincoln City on 20th October, 1979. Following that game, he was to achieve the distinction of scoring eight goals in his next twelve appearances. To date, he has played 22 Football League games and has appeared as substitute 5 times scoring eleven League goals. On his day, he is one of the sharpest finishers in the Fourth Division.



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ALLIANCE Premier League side Scarborough's bid to take over Halifax Town is perhaps one of the most revolutionary moves in the history of the Football League. In taking a leaf out of the North American League 'book' they hoped to moved Town lock-stock and barrel to Seamer Road in a bid to bring League Football to an area starved of first class soccer. The move, which is doomed to failure, once more highlights how desperate non-League clubs are to break into the Football League.

Scarborough are one of the wealthiest clubs outside the League, and this bid may leave them so, since League clubs seem to take a dim view of the "back ways" in which non-League sides attempt to breach their bastion. This 'blot' on Scarborough's copybook may now hinder their election chances through normal channels. In America, teams are moved from coast to coast in search of larger crowds and bigger profits. But even that play does not always work, and this season alone a number of clubs have vanished off the face of the earth.

Halifax Town, who recently turned down a possible ground merger with the town's Rugby League side having earlier suggested it, may have low gates and prop up the bottom of the Division, but they are not poor by many standards. Only days after Scarborough's initial approach they readied themselves to pay £30,000 for Stoke City defender Paul Johnson.

Meanwhile, Crewe Alexandra boss Tony Waddington has scooped the pool by signing Manchester United's injury-plagued striker Jimmy Greenoff on a free transfer.

Greenoff immediately got off the mark for his new club scoring on his debut against Darlington at Gresty Road Southend United's magnificent home record continues to impress. They have now won 13 out of 13 at Roots Hall but their defence is becoming rather slack of late, since they have conceded two goals to take the home total against for the season to just three!!!

FOURTH DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE AS AT 21st DECEMBER, 1980

	HOME						AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Southend United	25	13	0	0	30	3	5	2	5	16	14	38	
Lincoln City	24	9	3	1	33	7	6	2	3	11	6	35	
Hartlepool Utd.	25	8	1	4	22	12	4	5	3	15	18	30	
Mansfield Town	25	8	2	2	17	6	5	1	7	13	16	29	
Peterborough Utd	24	6	4	2	21	13	4	4	4	18	16	28	
Doncaster Rovers	25	8	2	3	19	11	4	2	6	10	19	28	
Aldershot	25	7	5	0	11	2	4	1	8	10	20	28	
Bradford City	25	5	5	2	17	12	4	3	6	14	21	26	
North'pton Town	24	8	1	3	25	14	3	2	7	12	28	25	
Rochdale	25	7	2	3	18	12	1	6	6	16	26	24	
Crewe Alexandra	26	4	5	5	18	17	3	5	4	15	20	24	
Wimbledon	24	7	2	3	22	9	3	1	8	8	16	23	
Darlington	24	5	2	4	21	15	4	3	6	13	20	23	
York City	24	7	2	3	22	8	1	5	6	7	22	23	
Torquay United	25	7	1	4	21	12	3	2	8	10	22	23	
Wigan Athletic	24	7	3	2	18	9	2	2	8	8	23	23	
Tranmere Rovers	24	8	1	2	24	8	1	3	9	9	27	22	
Scunthorpe Utd.	24	4	5	3	19	15	2	5	5	8	15	22	
Stockport County	25	4	4	5	16	19	4	2	6	11	16	22	
Bournemouth	25	4	4	3	12	9	3	2	8	8	19	22	
Port Vale	24	6	4	2	22	11	1	2	9	11	28	20	
Bury	25	6	2	4	21	14	2	1	10	15	27	19	
Hereford United	24	4	6	3	18	11	0	3	8	3	25	17	
Halifax Town	25	4	2	7	17	21	1	4	7	9	20	16	



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THERE has been some response to our appeal for information relating to the past history of the Wigan Athletic Football Club, but the response still falls far short of our requirements, if we are to be able to produce, in two years time, an accurate and comprehensive verbal and pictorial assessment of the club's first 50 years.

We would be most grateful to receive any offers of old newspaper cuttings, which might be photocopied, as well as the chance of viewing, and maybe photocopying, any old programmes for special games played across the years.

It is possible to refer to certain micro-film records held by the Wigan Observer, but there is still a desperate need to make copies of team photographs and action shots which private individuals, or ex-players, may well have in their possession.

Any person who can assist in this exercise is asked to contact the Commercial Department at Springfield Park, Wigan, Telephone No. Wigan

43067. Your co-operation would be greatly appreciated.

Spectators will notice that the installation of our new clock on the pylon at the Springfield Road end of the ground, facing the Main Stand, has now been completed. The Wigan Athletic Football Club wishes to thank Sports-Time (Advertising) Limited, of 59, Mill Street, Kidlington, Oxford, for erecting the clock and obtaining the advertisements, and our old friends from Micron Electrical Co., 132-134 Gidlow Lane, Wigan, for wiring up and setting the clock and its time-keeping for any game falls under the sole jurisdiction of the match referee, and not all games finish spot-on the 45 minutes as decided by anxious spectators. We would hate our new facility to trigger off a series of clock-watching incidents culminating in whistles and abuse for the benefit of the referee, who will always know best when to sound a final blast on his whistle.

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The Chairman's Column

A WARM welcome to Springfield Park for this our first home game of the New Year, and a particularly sincere greeting to our visitors from Southend, who have journeyed a long way for today's game.

These notes are being prepared prior to our fixtures with Crewe Alexandra and Stockport County, so I can only express the hope that our boys have continued the good work begun at Crewe almost three weeks ago. Certainly, if our players can consistently show as much spirit and skill as was shown at Gresty Road, the second-half of the season will prove most rewarding. Perhaps it is now our turn to enjoy a better run of the ball, and a little more good fortune in avoiding injury problems.

I cannot let the opportunity pass of expressing my amazement at the apparent lack of concern from some quarters at the inconvenience, not to mention the cost, of the postponed game at Wimbledon. At a time when Soccer is supposedly looking at ways and means of attracting new spectators to the game, we seem to be taking insufficient trouble to treat those who already give us their support with the consideration these good people deserve. I have already brought my feelings on this matter to the attention of the Football League, whose responsibility it is to ensure that every step possible should be taken to provide an "early warning system" that will prevent the recurrence of what was surely a most unnecessary and damaging lack of consideration for the paying public. I can only sympathise with our loyal fans who paid almost £20 for the privilege of travelling 200 miles to support their team, only to find, on their arrival in London, that a late pitch inspection had made a mockery of their efforts. There must be something sadly wrong with a system which does not allow the postponement of a game that only ever had a 60-40 chance of being played. There are surely enough days in the season to allow for the re-arrangement of the odd games which are postponed because of inclement weather. I can assure our supporters that we have every intention of hammering away at those above us, in the hope of bringing about a more realistic situation.

Meanwhile, all best wishes for the New Year, which we hope will bring us the realisation of our dreams and ambitions.

Yours sincerely,

Chairman.

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Billy Urquhart

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United**
(All Yellow)

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2 Micky Stead

3 Steve Yates

4 Tony Hadley

5 John Walker

6 Dave Cusack

7 Terry Gray

8 Ron Pountney

9 Derek Spence

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11 Anton Otulakowski

12 Garry Nelson

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Mr. A. Jones
(Wirral)

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